

SPONSOR'S
VIEW:

Rep. Colbert said the bill would have allowed improvement of the quality and efficiency of the Attorney General's office while saving the state money. The Attorney General should be competitive in hiring, just like universities that receive private endowments to hire top professors. Too frequently young lawyers will receive training and expertise in the AG's office, leave to work in private practice, then return to work for the state as expensive outside consultants on a pending case. While there could be some potential for conflict of interest if an attorney in the AG's office went to work for the same firm that had previously provided his salary supplement, restricting employment by AG staffers after they leave state service would lower the quality of those lawyers willing to work for the state.

Charitable trust court cost recovery
(HB 2258, by G. Hill)

DIGEST:

The bill would have allowed the Attorney General to recover court costs and reasonable attorney's fees if successful in a suit against a trustee of a charitable trust for breach of fiduciary duties. All such suits would have been filed in Travis County.

GOVERNOR'S
REASONS
FOR VETO:

The Senate companion bill to HB 2258, SB 1184, by Caperton, passed the Legislature before the House bill. Gov. White signed SB 1184.

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Rep. Hill said the important point was to pass the bill, and that was accomplished.